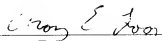


Remarks:

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested. For purposes of expediting allowance, independent claim 10 and dependent claim 11 have been combined into a single new claim 12 (which new claim 12 includes all of the limitations of claims 10 and 11). New claim 12 is allowable for the reasons already made of record.

A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If, however, any further matter requires attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 568-3100 to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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